Tenth Conference, Aomori

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[Host city] Aomori, Japan (Mayor: Seizo Sasaki)

[Site] Hotel Aomori, Kaisenkaku, Aomori City Cultural Hall

[Term] February 7 – 10, 2002

[Participants] 28 cities from 13 countries

Prince George, Sault Ste. Marie (Canada)

Changchun, Harbin, Jiamusi, Jilin, Jixi, Qiqihar, Shenyang (China)

Maardu (Estonia)

Kemi (Finland)

Nuuk (Greenland)

Tehran (Iran)

Aomori, Sapporo, Takikawa, Hakodate, Chitose, Yokote (Japan)

Taebaek, Pyeongtaek (Korea)

Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)

Tromsø (Norway)

Khabarovsk, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (Russia)

Kiruna, Luleå (Sweden)

Anchorage (U.S.A.)

[Main theme]
Fostering Vibrant Northern Living: Environment, Culture, and Lifestyle

[Board of Directors]
- President
  Mayor of Sapporo (re-elected)

- Vice Presidents
  Mayor of Shenyang
  Mayor of Prince George
  Mayor of Tromsø (re-elected)

- Standing Directors
  Mayor of Aomori
  Mayor of Anchorage (newly elected)

- Non-Standing Director
  Mayor of Kiruna (newly elected)

- Auditor
  Mayor of Ulaanbaatar (newly elected)

[Changes in member cities]
Withdrawals:
Winnipeg, Yellowknife (Canada), Stockholm (Sweden)

[Revitalization of the IAMNC]
The following three points were decided regarding the revitalization of the IAMNC:

1. Revitalize the IAMNC based on the following three pillars:
   - Structural revitalization
   - Revitalization of existing projects
   - Creation of new projects

2. Discuss details of the revitalization plan at a Working-Level Officials Meeting and hold the first meeting within the year 2002.

3. Hold “Cooperative Tourism Promotion” within the year 2002 as the pilot project of the revitalization plan.

[Establishment of Subcommittees]
Anchorage proposed the establishment of a subcommittee to investigate measures against terrorism in northern cities, and it was decided that the secretariat for the subcommittee would be based in Anchorage to coordinate activities.

[Mayors Conference]
- Main theme:
  “Sustainable Winter Cities 21”

(1) Opening Session
- Keynote speech
  Theme: “Implementing Sustainable Futures in Cities” — Lessons from Policy and Practice —
  Lecturer: Professor Colin Fudge, Vice Chancellor and Dean, Faculty of the Built Environment, University of the West of England
Presenting cities and themes
Jiamusi: “Environmental Protection with Sustainable Development of Jiamusi City”
Kiruna: “Kiruna—ideas on how to develop the ideal winter city”
Anchorage: “E-Government”
Aomori: “Compact Cities”

(2) Sectional Sessions

Sectional Session A: “Revitalization of Central Urban Area”

- Participating cities
  Changchun, Harbin, Jilin (China), Taebaek (Korea), Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), Prince George (Canada), Tromsø (Norway), Anchorage (USA), Kemi (Finland), Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Khabarovsk (Russia), Yokote, Aomori (Japan)

- Presenting cities and themes
  Changchun: “Revitalization of the Central Urban Arena in City Development”
  Tromsø: “Urban City Development in Tromsø”
  Jilin: “Measures of Revitalization of Central Urban Area”
*Conceptual discussions from many points of view were held about what kind of urban strategies at which winter cities should aim and about central urban areas that follow this strategy.

Sectional Session B: “Urban System with the Less Negative Impacts on Environment”

- Participating cities
  Jiamusi, Qiqihar (China), Maardu (Estonia), Kiruna, Luleå (Sweden), Nuuk (Greenland), Anchorage (USA), Sapporo, Takikawa (Japan)

- Presenting cities and themes
  Sapporo: “Sapporo Basic Environmental Plan,” “Practical Cases of Efficient Use in Sapporo” – District heat service utilities and cooling projects in urban area –
  Takikawa: “Practical Cases of Efficient Use in Takikawa” – Methane gas generation
*Cities traded introductions about their own situations and discussed what kind of city system planning winter cities should take up in order to reduce the burden on the environment.

(3) Plenary Session

- While holding comprehensive discussions based on the reports from Sectional Sessions A and B aiming at “Sustainable City Planning,” a Joint Statement was proposed aiming toward the theme of the conference “Sustainable Winter Cities 21.”
- Aomori proposed the establishment of a subcommittee to investigate effective measures for sustainable city planning, and it was decided that the secretariat for the subcommittee would be based in Aomori to coordinate activities.

(4) Round-up Forum
Information was mutually exchanged about the discussions at the Mayors Conference and Winter Cities Forum. The Aomori Conference was concluded overall, and a Joint Statement was proposed at the Plenary Session.
[Reports]
Secretariats from the subcommittees presented their interim reports.

1. Subcommittee for Countermeasures Against Natural Disasters by Sapporo
2. Subcommittee for Snow Management by Prince George

[Selection of the host city for the 12th IAMNC Conference]
It was decided that the city of Changchun in China would be the host city for the 12th IAMNC Conference in 2006.

[Resolutions]

1. In the International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities, member cities will cooperate with each other and make the greatest efforts possible to realize “winter cities that ensure sustainable development” based on the “Joint Statement” declared at this Mayors Conference.

2. Basic policies of IAMNC revitalization to be reviewed for further development of the association, and the revitalization issue is to be continuously discussed with administrative officials in attendance at the Working-Level Meeting.

3. Collaborative tourism promotion by member cities to be implemented in FY 2002 as a pilot project of the IAMNC revitalization plans.

4. Subcommittee designed to research effective policies for creating winter cities that ensure sustainable development will be established to study specific measures. The role of its secretariat is to be assumed by the City of Aomori.

5. Subcommittee designed to research effective measures against terrorism in northern cities will be established. The role of its secretariat is to be assumed by the city of Anchorage.

6. The 12th Northern Intercity Conference of Mayors 2006 will be hosted by the city of Changchun.

7. Mr. Seizo Sasaki, Mayor of Aomori, who hosted the 10th Northern Intercity Conference of Mayors, and the citizens of Aomori who supported conference shall be greatly honored.

Joint Statement
We, the member cities of the International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities, will cooperate with each other and make the greatest efforts possible in order to realize “winter cities that ensure sustainable development” while reaffirming our fundamental principle of “winter is a resource and asset” and revitalizing our activities. We also call for all people of northern regions to take on the challenge of constructing cities that ensure sustainable development.

February 2002
International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities
1. Eighth International Winter Expo
   - Main theme: Northern Lifestyle and the Industry and Life of Winter Cities
   - Exhibitors: 72 business and groups from 7 countries 339 people
   - Participants: 14,069
   - Business discussions: 2,232
   - Exhibitors’ fields: environment, housing, snow and ice, welfare, information, etc.

2. Ninth Winter Cities Forum
   - Main theme: “Seeking Sustainability”
   - Registrants: 59 cities from 11 countries, 182 people
   - Participants: 3,499

   (1) Opening Forum
   Theme: “Coexistence Between the Earth and Humanity: Examining Lifestyles of the 21st Century”
   Lecturer: Mr. MOHRI Mamoru, Director of National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation/Astronaut

   (2) City Planning & Lifestyle Forum and Citizens Forum
   * Eight city planning & lifestyle forums were held based on the key words of “energy,” “community design,” “lifestyle,” and “traffic.”
   * Two citizens forums were held with the themes of “Possibility of YUKIGUNIGAKU” and “KE-YA-GU: Ideal Relationship for Promotion of Genderequal Society.”

   (3) Health Promotion Forum
   A keynote speech and panel discussions were held with the theme “Health for All Winter Cities.”

   - Keynote speech
     Theme: “Healthy City: New City Policy for Enhancing the Human Well-being”
     Lecturer: Professor Ilona Kickbusch, Yale University School of Medicine, USA

   - Panel Discussion
     Discussions were held among the mayors of Copenhagen and Aomori, representatives from citizen groups, and Mayors Conference participants.

[Events held in conjunction with the Conference]

1. Winter Cities Art Exhibition: Jan. 26 – Feb. 10
2. Winter Cities Photograph Display: Jan. 26 – Feb. 10
3. AOMORI Winter Festival: 2002 Feb. 9 – Feb. 11
Member Cities of the International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities

19 cities from 10 countries

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As of February 10, 2002